(c) whether the Railway Board has cleared this proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) The proposal of Metro Railway, Calcutta is for utilising guards from recognised private agencies for manning of entry gates of Metro stations for functions which are not the normal duties of Railway Protection Force.

(c) This matter lies within the powers of the Calcutta Metro Railway Administration.

Routes operated by Vayudoot

1776. SHRIMTI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the various routes operated and States covered by Vayudoot services at present; and

(b) if so, whether any more towns in Andhra Pradesh are likely to be connected by this airline in near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) a statement showing the names of the routes operated an dthe States covered by Vaydoot as Annexure. [*See* appendir CXLI, Annexure No. 73].

(b) No, Sir.

Estrogen-progestrone drugs are highly hazardous

1777. SHRI THANGABALU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that estrogen-progestrone drugs are highly hazardous; and

(b) if so, the reasons for allowing the marketing of such drugs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b). The Government has initiated action to prohibit manufacture and sale of combination of estrogen-progretrone (extent for oral contraceptive). Some of the manufacturers have gone to court for redress. The Supreme Court has given directions to Drug Controller (India) for public hearing on the subject and based on evidence take a decision on the subject of continued marketing of these drugs. The public hearing is in progress.

Upkeep of traditional Indian Apparels kept in Indian Museums

1778. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that traditional Indian apparels kept in Indian museums and elsewhere are in bad shape due to poor conservation techniques; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken or propose to take for the safety and long life of these precious apparels?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) "Museum" is a State subject. Maintenance of the objects is the responsibility of the respective managements.

Museums under the Department of Culture have reported that traditional Indian apparel kept in the museums is conserved properly with modern techniques of conservation. The museums where this precious apparel is kept, are well equipped with conservation laboratories manned by trained personnel. Insecticidal treatment is given against biological insects. Periodically, vacum cleaners are used. Whether on display or in storage, these are kept under regulated conditions of temperature and humidity in order to prolong their life.